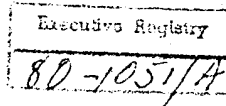


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Dear Bud:

Thank you for sending a copy of your editorial on "The CIA's Use of American Reporters." It is one of the most reasoned and balanced discussions of the issue I have yet seen. In an era when many news stories read like editorials it is refreshing to read an editorial which accurately presents the facts and draws some logical conclusions.

I well remember our last meeting at the Washington Press Club dinner in April of 1978. It is good to hear from you and I appreciate your taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,
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